

Bekah's Story

Rebekah has been a Venturer since April of 2011. A recipient of the Silver Award—Venturing's highest award—she is an active member of Crew 99 PA Dutch Council, Crew 51 Chester County Council, and soon-to-be member of Crew 2147 Cherokee Area Council. Bekah has attended National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and has been staff for NYLT twice. She also attended National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) and was on staff there this past summer. She hopes to return to NAYLE staff next year. Bekah is currently a freshman at Lee University in Cleveland, TN where she majors in Chemistry and Mathematics.



Bekah states:

The joys of Scouting aren't always in the monumental achievements. Sure, it's great to summit a mountain with your Crew, but the stuff you remember the best are the little things. The stuff you do between events at a camp, or when you're holed up against the cold in a cabin.

Why did you join Scouting?

I'd been a member of the Girl Scouts, briefly, before I was even into double digits. I'd never been engaged there, so when my little brother became a Tiger I was incredibly jealous. One evening, I voiced my complaint to his Cubmaster, and she informed me of the existence of Venturing. My excitement was dampened only by the knowledge that I had years to wait before I could join them, and partake in their adventures.

What activity or adventure stands out most to you?

NAYLE has been the most incredible experience I've had in Scouting thus far. As both a participant and a staffer, the course emphasizes the utilization of the skills learned in NYLT, all while you live in the magnificence of Philmont Scout Ranch. Everyone is constantly being challenged, pushed past anything they've done before. It's a remarkable adventure, and one that everyone should at least attempt to experience.

How has Scouting impacted your life?

Through the Boy Scouts, I've been able to learn, do, and teach things I'd never considered possible. I've gotten to climb mountains and crawl through the impenetrable darkness of a cave, and everything in between. I got to pursue advancement, and attain an honor considered equal to the revered Eagle. I've trained second graders and seniors in high school, in locations across the country.

Most importantly, I've made friends to last a lifetime, and memories that could never have even been plausible without Scouts.

If you could describe Scouting in one sentence, what would it be?

It's a place where a bit of crazy is encouraged and you can do whatever interests you.

Describe Scouting in one word:

Ineffable

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